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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
 Director of Security

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FROM:

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Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT: Background Information (U)

1. This memorandum is for your information. Although detailed, the text may be of interest.(U)

2. I was called today by Dave Sullivan, of Senator McClure's Staff. Dave was clearly trying hard to get me on the phone; he called twice within about an hour. When we did establish contact, he raised a number of points with me as follows:

- Dave said that he wanted me to know that he had read in draft form the contract report [REDACTED] This company is doing an unclassified study for us entitled, "Why the Soviets Violate Arms Control Treaties." He said that he thought the report was a good one and was glad that CIA had funded such work. He also said that he would like to get a copy of the final report for Senator McClure; my response was that, since the report would be unclassified, the most straightforward approach would be for the Senator to write to the DCI and ask for it. I told Dave again, as I had once earlier, that we had another company doing a similar study [REDACTED] I think Dave asked why we were doing this; in any case, I said that we wanted a mature treatment by a variety of outsiders and readers could decide for themselves. STAT
- Dave asked if new compliance issues were underway. I said that we had not spent a lot of time on new issues because we were busy catching up on old work. I also said that the press had carried articles on an SS-18 follow-on ICBM; of course, we would be watching any such issues closely. Dave said he was glad of that.
- Dave asked if I had heard any more about [REDACTED] problem with the Publications Review Board. I said that [REDACTED] had not discussed this topic with me. STAT
- Dave asked what I thought of the idea of making lists of violations of arms control deals, as well as lists of compliance. I said that such lists were helpful, as far as they went, but they could not be taken too far. (I first heard of this idea of lists from [REDACTED] a few weeks ago, in an article he did for HPSCI.) Dave said that [REDACTED] had worked on this topic. Dave asked if Mark Schneider from OSD had given me a copy; I said no, he had not. Dave continued that he would talk to Mark when Mark returns from a trip out of the country and see that a copy was sent to me. I said that it would be fine. STAT

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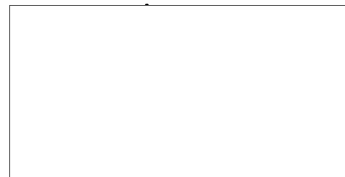
(This point establishes even more clearly than in the past that Mark Schneider and Dave Sullivan have some type of a connection and share at least some papers.

- Dave asked me what I thought of using at the unclassified level the approximate dates of the origin of Soviet non-compliance decisions. The idea here is to make the point that the decision to build the Krasnoyarsk Radar, for example, was made no later than the late 1970s and conceivably sooner. This point came up in the context of Dave saying that he was (I think) about to start drafting a speech for Senator McClure on the subject of President Reagan's statements about SALT II and Soviet cheating on arms control provisions, both as President and as a candidate for the Presidency in the mid- to late-1970s. I told Dave that it ought to be possible to hypothesize such beginning dates at the unclassified level; in fact, some may already exist. But glittering generalities are needed, not specific years because even if we knew the specific year, the US would never want to say so publicly. Dave said he understood.
- In this context, I also told Dave (as I had mentioned to him earlier) that he ought to seek expert help in writing unclassified speeches for the Senator about compliance issues -- rather than make security mistakes. Dave said he understood and he (I think) would likely take me up on this point. (We shall see; if so, I intend to ask for help.)
- Dave asked me what I thought of the statement by a Soviet defense attache in Washington, reported by a US academic, that Soviet air defense systems of course were built with the capability in them to attack ballistic missiles. I told Dave that I paid some credence to such reports; not a lot, but not zero either. I also said that such human sources reporting was read by analysts with interest, but did not dominate their thinking. I told Dave that I knew he had worked in this business and understood how analysts balanced off different types of information; in some fields, the technical data was far more important than human sources, while in other fields the reverse was true. Dave said he understood. Dave asked if I thought such a statement ought to have added credibility because it was prejudicial to the Soviet compliance position. I said no, because disinformation (to whatever degree one is concerned about it) can be used for both positive or negative purposes. Conceivably, the Soviet said his statement in an effort to have the US believe that the Soviets are more capable than they truly are; or to bolster this Soviet's bona fides. Dave said he understood.
- Dave also said that Senator Helms had a few more questions after reading the ones the DCI sent down a few months ago. Dave said he appreciated the effort we went through to answer the first set. He recognized that part of our problem was the fact that the letter and questions were unclassified and the press got hold of the material, with a few unpleasant stories. This next time the questions would be classified.

-- In addition, David said he would like to talk some time about nuclear testing. I commented that this was an important, priority subject these days and that I would be glad to discuss it with him. (OUO)

3. As a result of these last two tics, Dave asked me when we could get together. I proposed the week of 26 May; he said he could not do so then because he was taking a trip, which this Agency was helping him orchestrate. He proposed the week of 2 June and we agreed to meet in his office at 1600 on Wednesday, 4 June. Dave then said that we would go over to the SSCI and have a classified discussion about the package which the DCI gave to Senator Helms. I agreed. (OUO)

4. If I can do more to help you here, please call. (U)



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